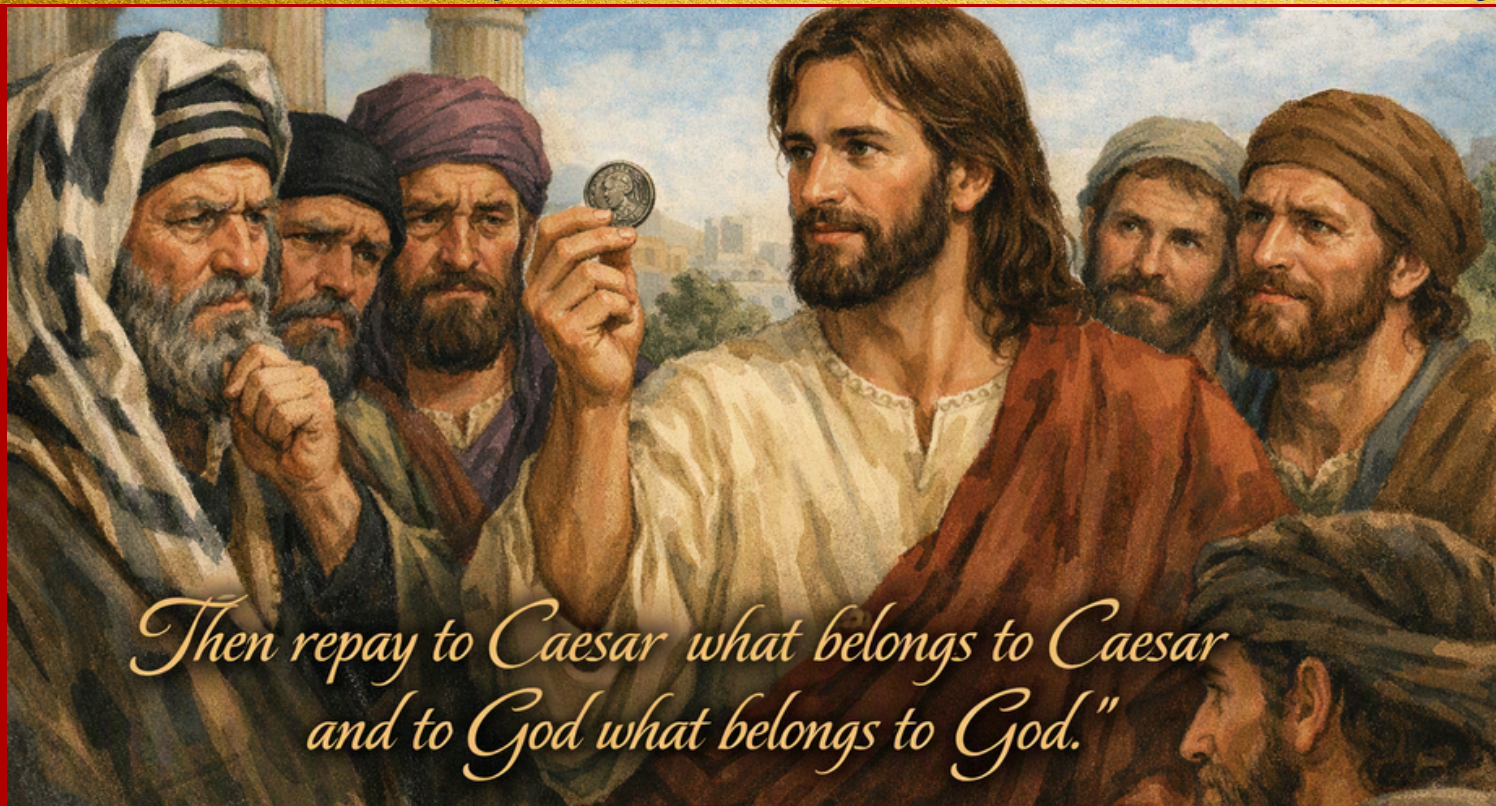




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*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."*

MASSSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

Weekend

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am | 5:00 pm
Latin Rite High Mass: 1:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

ANNULMENTS

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deacongilv@gmail.com

CARMELITE VOCATIONS

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Weekday

M-F: 6:00 and 8:00 am
M-S: 7:30 am at Nuns' Chapel
M-S: Rosary after 8:00 am Mass

Mon & Tues: 7:15 pm (Tues, Span.)

Thurs evenings: 7:00-8:00 pm:
Exposition and Adoration

First Fridays: Extra Mass: 7:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and
2:00 - 5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm)

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This weekend, we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. We are especially grateful for your faithful support of our Carmelite Mission in Uganda and of missionaries throughout the world. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for all those who serve under the patronage of St. Therese and St. Francis Xavier.

Let us now continue reading from **St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae***.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



The Rosary mystically transports us next to Mary's side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in their home in Nazareth. Praying the Rosary enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is "fully formed" in us (Gal 4:19). This role of Mary, totally grounded in that of Christ and radically subordinated to it, "in no way obscures or diminishes the unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power" (20). This is the luminous principle expressed by the Second Vatican Council, which I have so powerfully experienced in my own life and have made the basis of my episcopal motto: *Totus Tuus* (21).

This motto is, of course, inspired by the teaching of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, who explained in the following words Mary's role in the process of our configuration to Christ: "Our entire perfection consists in being conformed, united, and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence, the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites, and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, His Holy Mother; and that the more a soul is consecrated to her, the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ" (22). In the Rosary, the lives of Jesus and Mary appear deeply joined; Mary lives only in Christ and for Christ!

The Rosary is both meditation and supplication. Insistent prayer to the Mother of God is based on confidence that her maternal intercession can obtain all things from the heart of her Son. She is "all-powerful by grace," to use the bold expression of Blessed Bartolo Longo in his Supplication to Our Lady (25). This is a conviction which, beginning with the Gospel, has grown ever more firm in the experience of the Christian people. The supreme poet Dante expresses it marvellously in the lines sung by St. Bernard: "Lady, thou art so great and so powerful, that whoever desires grace yet does not turn to thee, would have his desire fly without wings" (26). When in the Rosary we plead with Mary, the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:35), she intercedes for us before the Father, who filled her with grace, and before the Son, born of her womb, praying with us and for us.

The Rosary is also a path of proclamation and increasing knowledge, in which the mystery of Christ is presented again and again at different levels of the Christian experience. Its form is that of a prayerful and contemplative presentation, capable of forming Christians according to the heart of Christ. When the recitation of the Rosary combines all the elements needed for an effective meditation, especially in its communal celebration in parishes and shrines, it can present a significant catechetical opportunity, which pastors should use to their advantage. In this way, Our Lady of the Rosary continues her work of proclaiming Christ. The history of the Rosary shows how this prayer was used in particular by the Dominicans at a difficult time for the Church, due to the spread of heresy. Today we are facing new challenges. Why should we not once more have recourse to the Rosary, with the same faith as those who have gone before us? The Rosary retains all its power and continues to be a valuable pastoral resource for every good evangelizer.



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SIX MONDAY EVENINGS

**October 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16**

7:00–9:00 p.m.

Parish Meeting Room

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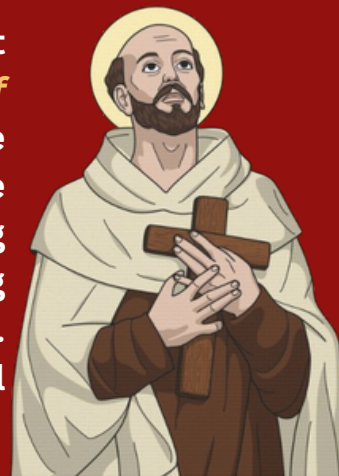
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Presented in the Parish Meeting Room in the Parish Center from 7:30 to 9:00 PM

THE NEXT CLASS WILL BE ...

**THIS TUES., OCT. 20,
FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.,**

This week's subject will be *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*. We will examine the soul's ardent longing for God, culminating in spiritual marriage. "What is spiritual marriage?"



**PARISH MEETING ROOM
IN THE PARISH CENTER
(JUST EAST OF THE CHURCH)**

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the soul is led
into the union
of love."*

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OF THE CROSS

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OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
— Pilgrims of Hope —

Morning Retreat

with
Fr. Robert and Bro. Jason

Saturday, October 24 • 8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
at St. Therese Catholic Church, Alhambra

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.	Mass (Celebrated by Fr. Robert)
9:00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 a.m.	Led Rosary
10:00 a.m.	Talk by Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD
11:00 a.m.	Benediction



Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD
Retreat Speaker

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— St. Augustine

Talk: Series 8

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Therese Parish Hall

1108 East Alhambra Rd., Alhambra.



Alicia Rivera

"Lead me out of my prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name."

You are also invited to the next—and last—*Call of God* event on Tuesday, December 1—same time and place.

+ Testimonies + Fellowship + Light Snacks

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

*Read * Meditate * Pray*

**PREPARE FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS
THROUGH MEDITATION & SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY**

*"Your word
is a lamp
for my feet
and a light
to my path."*

Psalm 119:105

If you'd like to increase your knowledge of Scripture and deepen your spiritual life, join us in the Avila Room in the church office building--enter through the sacristy/choir room door just before reaching the Adoration chapel, and then cross the Courtyard to enter through the double glass doors into the Avila Room.

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- A small potluck social (NO MEAT!) to start; if you'd like, bring a light dish for three or four people.
- Lectio Divina meditation and a group discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.
- Magisterial and saints' commentary on the Gospel.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

*All are
welcome!*

Render Unto God: A Gospel Meditation



They came to Me with smiles that did not reach their eyes. I could feel the tension in the air before they spoke—the Pharisees, joined by Herod’s men, approaching with a question wrapped in flattery. They called Me “Teacher,” but their hearts were not seeking truth. They sought a snare. I saw the coin in their hands before they even mentioned it. The silver glinted in the sun, stamped with Caesar’s image—a symbol of earthly power, of dominion and pride. They asked if it was lawful to pay the tax, hoping I would stumble into rebellion or compromise. But I did not come to play their games. I came to reveal the Kingdom that cannot be measured in coins or decrees.

As they spoke, I felt sorrow more than anger. These were men entrusted with the law, yet they had forgotten its heart. They feared losing control more than losing God. Their words were sharp, but their souls were dull to grace. I asked for the coin, and when it was placed in My hand, I held it up so the light caught its face. The image of Caesar gleamed—a face of power, yet powerless before eternity. I looked at them and asked, *“Whose image is this?”* They answered, *“Caesar’s.”*

In that moment, I wanted them to see what their eyes could not: that every human soul bears another image: the image of the Father. The coin belonged to Caesar because his likeness was upon it. But their hearts belonged to God because His likeness was within them. When I said, ***“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God,”*** I was not dividing the world into two realms. I was calling them to remember the one truth that binds all realms together: everything that bears the mark of Heaven is meant to return to Heaven.

I watched their faces: the Pharisees’ pride faltering, the Herodians’ smirk fading. They had come to trap Me, but they found themselves caught in the mirror of their own motives. My apostles stood nearby, silent, sensing the weight of the moment. I felt peace as I lowered the coin. The world would always chase power, but My kingdom would be built on surrender—not to Caesar, but to the Father’s will. The coin fell back into their hands, but the truth remained in Mine.

And I prayed that, someday, they would understand: ***The image stamped upon the soul is worth more than all the silver and gold of the empire. Give to God what is already His—your heart, your love, your life.***

Mass Intentions

October 17 – October 24, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Teresa Avalos, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: The Carmelite Nuns' Community, INT

7:30 a.m.: Erick Gomez, INT

9:00 a.m.: Honor of the Holy Family

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: Ms. Taylor Avalos, INT

5:00 p.m.: Theodore Ebina, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for God's Creation

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Theodore Dungca-Tsui, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Helen Hesse, RIP

Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):

6:00 a.m.: Gerro Batalla Sia, INT

*7:30 am: Lauren Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Dean Rosenberger, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ian and Felicia Roppel, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vicky Leung, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosemarie Reyes, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP

8:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for God's Creation

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Aaron Avalos, INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Steve & Tina Tran, INT

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Sundays and holidays.)**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES from the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in."

Today's Scriptures

**I am the Lord, and
there is no other,
besides me there
is no God.**



**Psalm 96:8 KJV
Give unto the LORD the
glory due unto his name:
bring an offering, and
come into his courts.**

KJV MINISTRY

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come to you in word
alone, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit
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